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May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honour of presenting the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Civil Legal Services Special Operating Agency for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Minister:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Civil Legal Services Special Operating Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

The results of the 2007/08 fiscal year indicate that Civil Legal Services (CLS) has operated successfully and effectively by focusing on client service. The results also indicate that the advantages of SOA status, including the flexibility to hire staff as required to provide service levels appropriate to client demand, the ability to plan on a long term basis, and the ability to acquire equipment and supplies that support effective operation and promote a good working environment, are essential to CLS sustaining the provision of high quality legal services to its clients and in recovering the full cost of its operations.

The Advisory Board is pleased with the continued success of CLS and encouraged by the commitment of its employees and the support of its clients.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Foreward

It is with great pleasure that I present the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Civil Legal Services (CLS) Special Operating Agency.

This report provides an overview of CLS and outlines its accomplishments during its twelfth year (2007/08) as a Special Operating Agency (SOA).

The members of CLS are committed to providing timely, quality, helpful, efficient and cost effective legal services that meet the needs of its clients.

The results described in this annual report reflect the commitment and cooperation of all members of CLS.

C. Lynn Romeo
Director

PROFILE OF CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

Civil Legal Services

The role of Civil Legal Services ("CLS") flows from the constitutional and statutory[1] responsibilities of the Minister of Justice as the Chief Legal Advisor to government and the guardian of the public interest. Acting pursuant to government policy, Civil Legal Services is responsible for providing a full range of high quality legal services, on a cost recovery basis, to its clients, namely the Government of Manitoba, the government's agencies, boards and committees and some Crown corporations.

Special Operating Agency Status

CLS remains a branch within the Department of Justice of the Province of Manitoba and is accountable to the Deputy Minister and Minister for operational and financial performance. As a special operating agency, CLS operates outside of the Consolidated Fund and under the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority ("SOAFA"), which holds title to CLS's assets, provides financing for operations and is responsible for CLS's liabilities. Accountability is supported by CLS's compliance with its Operating Charter, transfer agreement, management agreement, applicable General Manual of Administration policies and *The Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority Act* ("*The SOAFA Act*").

The increased management authority and more rigorous planning and reporting requirements afforded by special operating agency ("SOA") status have assisted CLS in sustaining the provision of high quality legal services to its clients.

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[1]The statutory basis for the Minister's responsibility is set out in sections 2 and 2.1 of *The Department of Justice Act*, C.C.S.M. c. J35.

MISSION, OPERATING PRINCIPLES AND CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

Mission of CLS

CLS's mission is to provide timely, high quality, helpful, efficient and cost-effective legal services that meet the needs of its clients, namely, the Province of Manitoba and the province's agencies, boards, commissions and those Crown organizations to which CLS provides legal services.

Operating Principles

CLS's mission and goals are supported by the following operating principles:

- service is customer focused
- service is cost-effective
- a commitment to the highest standards of service

Critical Success Factors of CLS

Factors critical to the success of CLS are:

- providing timely, high quality, helpful, efficient, cost-effective legal services that meet the needs of its clients;
- determining its effectiveness in meeting its clients' needs;
- identifying better ways to meet its clients' needs for legal services;
- improving communication between CLS and its clients and communication within CLS;
- improving job satisfaction; and
- developing means to assist staff to work as effectively as possible to satisfy changing client needs and to make adjustments to deal with increasing work loads, deadlines and the pressure of reduced resources.

COST RECOVERY BY CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

On April 1, 1992, CLS became the first government legal services office in Canada to recover the cost of providing legal services to its clients.

On April 1, 1995, CLS commenced operation as a special operating agency.

In fiscal year 2007/08, clients were initially billed at the rate of $137.00 per hour for services provided by CLS counsel, being the amount required to cover all of CLS's costs and break even. All of CLS's costs are covered by this hourly rate, including salaries, operating costs (including rent) and employee benefits (including pension benefits).

The rate of $137.00 per hour made no provision for increased salary costs. Effective October 1, 2007, CLS increased its hourly rate to $148.00[2] per hour to cover the increased salary and benefit costs resulting from the new collective agreement with the Manitoba Association of Crown Attorneys.

The CLS cost recovery system operates in a fashion similar to billing systems used by private law firms. Time spent by counsel in providing services is billed in increments of one-tenth of an hour. Each counsel keeps a daily record of time for services provided, indicating the client for whom the work was performed, the file on which work was performed, a brief description of the service provided and the amount of time expended. In fiscal year 2007/08, clients were provided with detailed statements of account showing the services provided on each file on a monthly basis.

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Year	Hourly Rate
95/96	$97
96/97	$97
97/98	$97
98/99	$97
99/00	$101
00/01	$105
01/02	$123*
02/03	$126
03/04	$129
04/05	$133
05/06	$137
06/07	$137
07/08	$148

*In 2001/02, CLS increased its hourly rate by $4.00 to $109.00 per hour for services provided by CLS counsel. The rate of $109.00 per hour made no provision for increased salary costs. The Manitoba Association of Crown Attorneys (MACA), which represents CLS counsel and other Crown counsel and Crown attorneys, had not signed a collective agreement for the period commencing April 1, 2000. The matter was submitted to a Board of Arbitration. The salary increase that resulted from the arbitration went beyond the general salary increase provided in the collective agreement with MGEU and resulted in CLS incurring added salary and benefit costs. Upon the settlement of the new collective agreement between MACA and the Province, CLS returned to Treasury Board with a financial plan to address the implications of the increase in salary and benefit costs. Effective November 1, 2001, CLS increased its hourly rate to $123.00 per hour to cover the increased salary and benefit costs resulting from the arbitration award.

LEGAL SERVICES

CLS Services

CLS provides a full range of legal services in the following areas:

- Aboriginal Law
- Access to Information and Privacy Law
- Administrative Law
- Civil Litigation
- Constitutional Law
    - assisting the Constitutional Law Branch in some cases involving the application of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and in Aboriginal self-government issues
    - providing advice on the constitutional division of powers and taxation issues
- Contracts and Agreements
- Conveyancing
- Corporate and Commercial
- Information Technology
- International Law
- Legal Opinions
- Legislative Review and Policy Development (which occasionally includes drafting legislation)
- Training and Education

Use of Outside Counsel

CLS provides most, but not all, civil legal services to government and its agencies. In appropriate circumstances, at the request of a client, outside counsel is retained by the Department of Justice, through CLS.

The current policy respecting the circumstances when outside counsel are retained provides considerable flexibility in meeting the clients' needs. At the request of a client, the Department of Justice, through CLS, will continue to retain outside counsel on a case by case basis where:

(a) the type of legal service required involves a degree of specialization which is not ordinarily available within CLS;

(b) the nature of the matter creates a conflict of interest for government legal counsel;

(c) it is more cost-effective to retain outside counsel; or

(d) the matter is of such magnitude that it would not be possible for CLS to provide the services while continuing to meet the needs of other clients.

STRUCTURE OF CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

Staff

As of March 31, 2008, CLS staff consisted of:

- 1 director
- 31 legal counsel
- 1 administrative officer
- 20 administrative assistants *(15 in regular positions and 5 in term positions)*
- 1 financial officer
- 1 accounting clerk
- 2 articling students

CLS supports flexible work arrangements, including job sharing, part-time work arrangements and flexible hours, to accommodate the balancing of career and family. During 2007/08, two legal counsel and six administrative assistants worked in varied work arrangements.

Key Personnel

All members of CLS are key personnel and are committed to using their best efforts to advance the CLS mission of providing timely, high quality, helpful, efficient and cost-effective client-focused services. The provision of legal services requires a strong knowledge of the law and government issues as well as a high degree of collaboration, cooperation and consultation among members of CLS and with other counsel in the Department of Justice. All members have demonstrated these skills. They have also worked extremely hard to meet the service and operational goals of CLS.

Members of CLS are encouraged and given support to upgrade their skills.

Organization of Counsel

Legal counsel are divided into four teams, each headed by a team leader.

One team is designated as the litigation team and the members of this team perform most of the CLS litigation work. Litigation coming into the office is generally assigned to counsel by the litigation team leader. The second team consists of counsel whose area of practice is primarily corporate, commercial and information technology law. The third team, the Crown law team, consists of counsel who provide a wide range of legal services, including in the area of access to information and privacy. The fourth team of counsel practice primarily, but not exclusively, in the field of Aboriginal law and resource law.

The only legal position dedicated to management is that of Director. All counsel, including the Director, provide legal services to clients. Most counsel are assigned to provide legal services to one or more client departments or agencies. The larger clients are served by more than one counsel.

Administration

The day to day operations of CLS are managed by the Director, who reports directly to the Deputy Minister of Justice.

Within CLS, the "Action Committee" deals with administrative and other matters affecting its operations. The Action Committee consists of the Director, six legal counsel, the Financial Officer, the Administrative Officer and two administrative assistants and generally meets on a quarterly basis.

All members of CLS are expected to do what is necessary to meet client needs. They are given information and authority needed to provide clients with timely and appropriate services.

ADVISORY BOARD

The Director provides plans and reports to the Advisory Board, established under the CLS Operating Charter, for review and consultation. The Advisory Board members are appointed by the Minister of Justice and the Board is chaired by the Deputy Minister. The Board's role is to provide advice to CLS on its direction, the provision of services, its structure and on its mandate, business practices and financial reporting requirements.

As of March 31, 2008, the members of the Advisory Board were:

Ex officio

- Deputy Minister of Justice
  Chairperson
- Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice
- Director of CLS

External Representatives

- Richard Olfert
  Managing Partner
  Deloitte & Touche
- Don Martin
  President
  Don N. Martin Inc.

Client Representatives

- Hugh Eliasson
  Deputy Minister
  Competitiveness and Training
- Marlene Zyluk
  Executive Director
  Corporate Crown Lands Policy
  Conservation

Representative of the Members of CLS

- W. Glenn McFetridge
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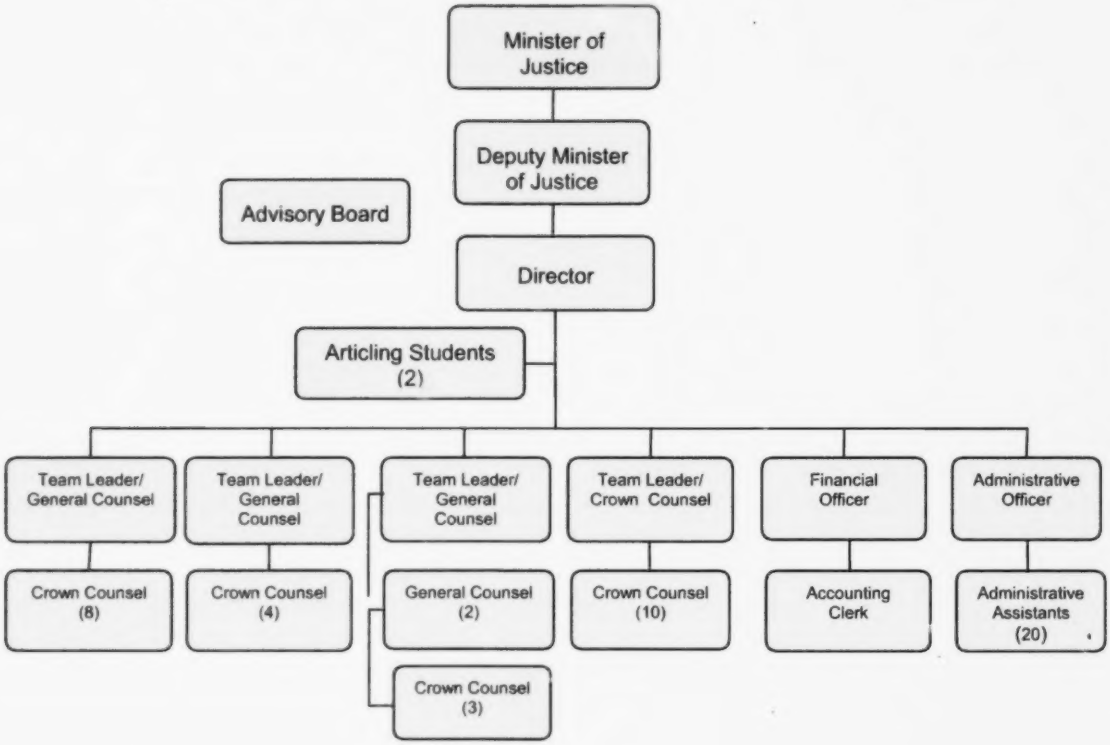
CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES
ORGANIZATION CHART 2007/08



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In December 2002, in accordance with Manitoba's Sustainable Development Procurement Guidelines, an Organizational Action Plan for the Department of Justice was developed. CLS adopted the Action Plan of Justice and implemented the goals that were applicable to its operation.

All CLS employees have worked toward the common objective of realizing the Province's sustainable development goals. The use of duplex printing and double-sided photocopying to reduce paper consumption, and participation in recycling programs were common practice in 2007/08. When feasible, CLS purchased and used environmentally preferable products and services, e.g. recycled paper and recycled toner cartridges for printers and fax machines.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In the 2007/08 CLS Business Plan, CLS established the following performance indicators for the year which set achievement levels for CLS.

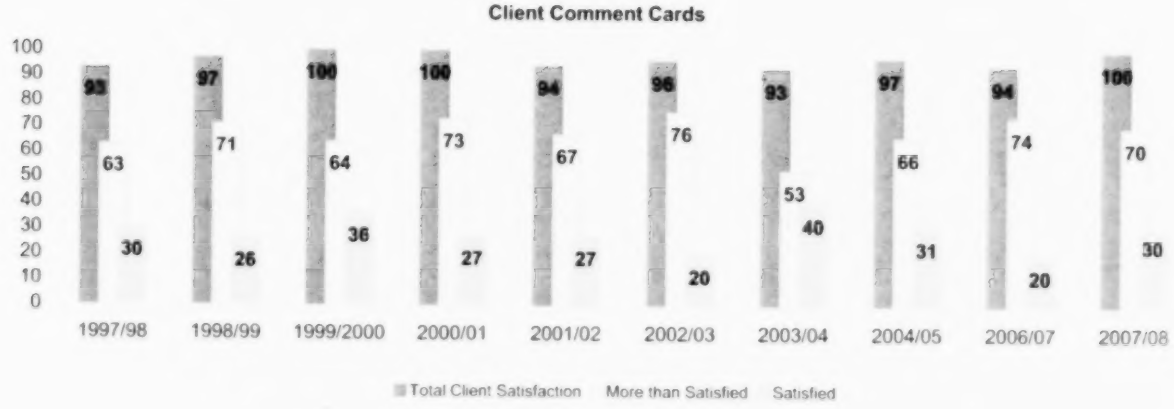
Client Satisfaction

Performance Indicator: Meetings with clients to discuss service.
Performance: Meetings completed.

Over the 2007/08 fiscal year, the Director of CLS met with Deputy Ministers and/or representatives of CLS's client departments and representatives of its Crown corporation clients to discuss the commitment of CLS to providing client-focused, high quality services; the services provided and the benefit of those services to the client; the cost-effective nature of the services; and client concerns and issues.

Performance Indicator: Use Client Comment Cards to regularly solicit client feedback as to their level of satisfaction.
Performance: Client Comment Cards distributed.

Since March 1997 CLS has been sending out Client Comment Cards on a quarterly basis to clients in order to obtain ongoing feedback. The feedback continues to be positive in 2007/08, with 100% of clients responding to the Client Comment Cards indicating that they were satisfied or more than satisfied with the services provided. (Client Comment Cards were not sent out in 2005/06 as the fifth Client Satisfaction Survey was conducted).



Performance Indicator: Review of Service Standards.
Performance: Service Standards reviewed.

The CLS Service Standards were established in 1995/96, and have been reviewed regularly. Service standards are needed to ensure client satisfaction with the services provided and to assure the ongoing maintenance of a high standard of service delivery. CLS Service Standards are designed to ensure that CLS will continue to provide clients with a service which they value by providing a measure by which the quality of the legal services provided by CLS may be judged by those receiving the services (the client) and others, and by providing the staff of CLS with objective standards to be observed in carrying out their responsibilities.

There was nothing in the feedback from clients in 2007/08 to suggest that any amendment was required in the CLS Service Standards. Accordingly, CLS determined that no change to the Standards was necessary.

Performance Indicator: Publish three information bulletins.
Performance: Three information bulletins published.

In order to inform its clients on significant legal issues and related matters of interest, CLS published three Information Bulletins in 2007/08:

1. *Summary of Manitoba Government Bills Passed at the 5th Session, 38th Legislature*
2. *Summary of Manitoba Government Bills Passed at the 1st Session, 39th Legislature*
3. *Judicial Review of Administrative Action, Restated*

To achieve the widest possible distribution of its Information Bulletins across government, CLS posted these and other recently published bulletins on the Justice Intranet.

Performance Indicator: ***Educational seminars for clients on current legal issues and developments.***

Performance: ***Members of CLS were directly involved in providing or presenting at a variety of seminars.***

CLS counsel were involved in providing a number of seminars, presentations and training sessions, including the following:

Seminars/Presentations and Workshops/Training Sessions	
Client/Participant	**Topic/Issue**
Government Access & Privacy Coordinators	• Outline of the Whistleblower legislation and relationship with *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* • Presentation on "responsive records and information" • Update on legislation passed in April and introduced in September/early October • Presentation on privacy principles underlying FIPPA and PHIA • Update on legislation passed in fall session and new Bills with information or privacy implications • Presentation on disclosure of personal information for law enforcement purposes • Handling of research requests and use of CLS 'model' research agreement • Handling access requests by federal government officials
Network of Designated Officers under *The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act*	• Presentation and handout on relationship between *The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* and *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* • Discussion of first disclosure under the *The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act*
2007 Prairie Provinces Personal Health Information Conference (participants from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba government departments, agencies, health facilities)	"Demystifying Health Information Legislation"
Conservation (Environment) – Northwest Law Enforcement Academy Training	• Statutory duties of enforcement officers • Statutes and regulations enforced • Civil law, duty, damages • Current practices and policies
Chairs/Board Members of Manitoba Administrative Tribunals	▪ Manitoba Council of Administrative Tribunals Second Annual Conference ▪ Third Rothstein Lecture - Impartiality, Bias and Independence of Administrative Tribunals
Justice - Manitoba Human Rights Commission Adjudicators	Informational session for new and existing Human Rights Adjudicators
Manitoba Bar Association Constitutional Law Section	Human rights processes in Manitoba and in other Canadian jurisdictions
Manitoba Housing Authority	Contract Enforcement
Manitoba Housing Authority/Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation Joint Board	Negligence of Public Bodies
Manitoba Water Stewardship/ Office of Drinking Water	*The Drinking Water Safety Act* and Regulations

Job Satisfaction

Performance Indicator: ***Focus on use of CLS Annual Staff Review Process.***
Performance: ***Staff reviews conducted.***

Implemented in 1997/98, the review process with respect to the members of CLS is intended to facilitate achieving the Mission of CLS and to contribute to the benefits identified as flowing from the Review Process, including: improving communication within CLS, clarifying roles and expectations, improving job satisfaction, assisting with career planning and training, and assisting the members of CLS to work as effectively as possible.

Fiscal Performance

Performance Indicator: ***Break even on operations.***
Performance: ***CLS recovered the cost of operations with a small surplus.***

Performance Indicator: ***To meet daily average billable hour target of 6.0 hours per billable day over the year.***
Performance: ***Target exceeded.***

The daily average billable hour target per lawyer of 6.0 hours per billable day during 2007/08 was exceeded and CLS recovered the cost of its operations. These results reflect a high level of productivity on the part of the members of CLS.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

Performance measurement outcomes for staffing, client service, client satisfaction and cost savings are attached as Appendix A.

Cost Effectiveness

(In Thousands)

Annual Cost Savings

The cost recovery for legal services was introduced as a budget reduction measure. Unlike the approach taken with respect to the recovery of rental costs by Government Services, the client departments of CLS were not given any additional funding to cover the cost of legal services. This means that the amount charged each year to each client represents a net reduction in the client budget and an on-going budgetary savings to government.

Following this approach, the total savings from April 1, 1995, to March 31, 2008, are $54,175.

Net Income

As CLS operates very cost effectively, such that each year it has recovered an amount that exceeds its annual operating costs, the difference between the dollar value of service provided each year and the cost to government of CLS's operations in that year in effect is another way of calculating a cost savings as those funds are collected by CLS from clients but not expended. Looking at savings in this fashion, the annual net income of CLS each year could be considered to be a government cost saving.

Total savings to March 31, 2008, are $3,184.

Revenue Sharing

A third way of calculating cost savings to government would be to include revenue sharing payments from the retained earnings of CLS paid to government. In 1998/99, CLS made a $400 revenue sharing payment to the government and in 1999/2000, CLS contributed $500. In 2000/01, CLS was directed to budget for a $500 payment towards revenue sharing. No revenue sharing payment was required for 2001/02. CLS was directed to submit revenue sharing payments in 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 in the amount of $200 each fiscal year. In 2005/06, CLS agreed to make an additional revenue sharing payment of $50.

Total savings to March 31, 2008, are $2,650.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE (WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION) ACT

Any disclosures of wrongdoing received by Civil Legal Services SOA pursuant to *The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* will be reported in the annual report of Manitoba Justice. For further information, please refer to the 2007/08 annual report of Manitoba Justice.

FINANCIAL

(In Thousands)

Summary

Financial highlights from the 2007/08 fiscal year are given below:

($ Thousands)	**Actual 2006/07**	**Actual 2007/08**	**Budget 2007/08**	**% Variance**
Recoveries	$ 5,199	$ 5,254	$5,427	-3.2
Other Income	19	20	28	-28.6
Income before Expenses	**$ 5,218**	**$ 5,274**	**$5,455**	**-3.3**
Expenses				
Advertising and Promotion	2	1	2	-50.0
Amortization	27	21	26	-19.2
Communications	36	38	39	-2.6
Computer	65	56	60	-6.7
Desktop Management Initiative	151	155	155	0.0
Equipment Rental	4	4	6	-33.3
Government Records Centre	23	25	23	8.7
Law Society Fees	49	47	48	-2.1
Miscellaneous	6	5	10	-50.0
Occupancy	232	231	231	0.0
Office	52	50	53	-5.7
Postage and Deliveries	10	13	10	30.0
Professional Fees and Services	47	40	51	-21.6
Publications	28	31	30	3.3
Travel	24	23	38	-39.5
Wages and Benefits	4,446	4,529	4,500	0.6
Total Expenses	**$ 5,202**	**$ 5,269**	**$5,282**	**-0.2**
Net Income	**$ 16**	**$ 5**	**$ 173**	**-97.1**
Retained Earnings, beginning of year	913	729	864	
Revenue Sharing	(200)	(200)	(200)	
Retained Earnings, end of year	**$ 729**	**$ 534**	**$ 837**	

As a special operating agency, the financial statements of CLS and the results of its operations and cash flow have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles using the accrual method.

Net Income

CLS's net income for the 2007/08 fiscal year is $168 (97.1%) below budget.

Income before Expenses

Income before expenses is $181 (3.3%) below budget, which is attributable to the following unbudgeted changes in staffing that impact billable revenue:

(a) changes in work frequency,
(b) secondments of crown counsel,
(c) two crown counsel on maternity leave; and
(d) two crown counsel resignations.

Expenses

Total expenses for CLS to March 31, 2008, are $13 (0.2%) under budget. This is attributable to:

Travel

Travel costs are $15 (39.5%) below budget, attributable to a decrease in out of province travel and a proportionate decline in the costs associated with travel including air fare, hotel, and food and beverage costs.

APPENDIX A

Performance Measurement

	Objective	Baseline 1995/96*	1996/97*	1997/98*	1998/99*	1999/2000*
Input Measures	To provide timely, high quality, helpful, efficient and cost-effective legal services that meet the needs of its clients, namely, the Government of Manitoba, the government's agencies, boards and committees and those Crown corporations to which CLS provides legal services	32 Full time employees (FTE) 20 counsel 1 articling student 9 admin assistants 1 admin officer 1 director	35 FTE 21 counsel 1 articling student 11 admin assistants 1 admin officer 1 director	42 FTE 24 counsel 2 articling student 14 admin assistants 1 admin/financial officer 1 director	46 FTE 26 counsel 2 articling student 16 admin assistants 1 admin/financial officer 1 director	53 31 counsel* 2 articling students 16 admin assistants 1 admin officer 1 accounting clerk 1 financial officer 1 director *includes four counsel on maternity leave each for six months of 1999/2000
Output Measures	Number of hours of service provided	27,860 hours	27,454 hours	32,455 hours	38,206 hours	39,455 hours
Activity Measures	Average billable hour target per billable day per counsel	6.5 hours	6.5 hours	6.5 hours	6.5 hours	6.5 hours
	Average actual billable hours per billable day per counsel	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Outcome Measures						
Client Satisfaction	General Client Survey	92% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied**	No survey	93% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	No survey	97% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied
	Client Comment Cards Introduced in February 1997			93% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	97% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	64% of respondents more than satisfied; 36% of respondents satisfied
Cost Effectiveness Cost Savings (000's)	Annual Cost Savings The amount charged each year to each client represents a net reduction in the client budget and an on-going budgetary savings to government. The total savings to March 31, 2008, are $54,175	$2,702	$2,657	$3,138	$3,281	$3,600
	Net Income The difference between the dollar value of service provided each year and the cost to government of CLS's operations in that year. Total savings to March 31, 2008, are $3,184	CLS Net Income $524	CLS Net Income $323	CLS Net Income $252 (Restated)	CLS Net Income $258	CLS Net Income $44
	Revenue Sharing Total savings to March 31, 2008, are $2,650				Revenue Sharing Payment $400	Revenue Sharing Payment $500

* Figures are taken from the Annual Report for each applicable year.

**CLS uses the results of the 1996 Client Satisfaction Survey as an ongoing baseline and target for client satisfaction.

2000/01*	2001/02*	2002/03*	2003/04*	2004/05*	2005/06*	2006/07*	2007/08
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41,716 hours	40,328 hours	40,886 hours	38,567 hours	40,394 hours	42,729 hours	40,320 hours	39,178 hours
6.1 hours	6.0 hours	6.0 hours	6.0 hours	6.0 hours	6.0 hours	6.0 hours	6.0 hours
Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
No survey	Survey deferred to 2002/03	97% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	No survey	No survey	98% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	No survey	No survey
73% of respondents more than satisfied and 27% of respondents satisfied	94% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	96% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	93% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	97% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	Client Comment Cards not sent due to Client Survey being conducted	94% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied	100% of respondents satisfied or more than satisfied
$4,155	$4,316	$4,789	$4,668	$5,011	$5,405	$5,199	$5,254
CLS Net Income $445	CLS Net Income $159	CLS Net Income $363	CLS Net Income $146	CLS Net Income $193	CLS Net Income $456	CLS Net Income $16	CLS Net Income $5
Revenue Sharing Payment $500	Revenue Sharing Payment $0	Revenue Sharing Payment $200	Revenue Sharing Payment $200	Revenue Sharing Payment $200	Revenue Sharing Payment $250	Revenue Sharing Payment $200	Revenue Sharing Payment $200

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ending March 31, 2008
(In Thousands)

Manitoba

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Civil Legal Services
An Agency of the
Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority
Province of Manitoba
Responsibility of Financial Reporting

The Agency's management is responsible for the financial statements and other financial information in the annual report. This responsibility includes maintaining the integrity and objectivity of financial data and the presentation of the Agency's financial position and the results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements have been audited by Magnus & Buffie, Chartered Accountants, independent external auditors.

The Agency maintains a system of internal controls throughout its operation that provides reasonable assurance that the transactions are authorized, properly recorded and reported and that the assets are safeguarded.

The Advisory Board meets regularly with management to review accounting practices, financial reporting and to discuss audit results. The auditors have free and full access to this Board, and to discuss the results of their audit and their views on the adequacy of internal controls and the quality of the financial reporting.

C. Lynn Romeo
Chief Operating Officer

May 14, 2008

MAGNUS & BUFFIE

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority

We have audited the balance sheet of Civil Legal Services, an Agency of the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority, Province of Manitoba as at March 31, 2008 and the statements of earnings and retained earnings and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Agency's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Agency as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Magnus & Buffie

May 14, 2008

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES
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BALANCE SHEET
(in thousands)

MARCH 31, 2008	**2008**	**2007**
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and short term deposits	$ 571	$ 676
Accounts receivable	652	670
	1,223	1,346
RECEIVABLE FROM PROVINCE OF MANITOBA (Note 4)	379	379
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	66	47
TRUST ASSET	9	8
	$ 1,677	$ 1,780
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 32	$ 112
Revenue sharing - Province of Manitoba payable	50	-
Vacation payable	469	408
	551	520
SEVERANCE LIABILITY (Note 6)	583	523
TRUST LIABILITY	9	8
	1,143	1,051
EQUITY		
RETAINED EARNINGS	534	729
	$ 1,677	$ 1,780

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STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND RETAINED EARNINGS
(in thousands)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	2008	2007
REVENUE		
Recoveries	$ 5,254	$ 5,199
Interest and other	20	19
	5,274	5,218
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	1	2
Amortization	21	27
Communications	38	36
Computer	56	65
Desktop management initiative	155	151
Equipment rental	4	4
Government records centre	25	23
Law Society fees	47	49
Miscellaneous	5	6
Occupancy	231	232
Office	50	52
Postage and deliveries	13	10
Professional fees and services	40	47
Publications	31	28
Travel	23	24
Wages and benefits	4,529	4,446
	5,269	5,202
NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR	5	16
RETAINED EARNINGS, beginning of year	729	913
	734	929
REVENUE SHARING - PROVINCE OF MANITOBA	200	200
RETAINED EARNINGS, end of year	$ 534	$ 729

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
(in thousands)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	2008	2007
CASH FLOW FROM (USED IN)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net earnings for the year	$ 5	$ 16
Adjustment for		
Amortization	21	27
	26	43
Changes in the following		
Accounts receivable	18	(462)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(80)	104
Revenue sharing - Province of Manitoba payable	50	-
Vacation payable	61	65
Severance liability	60	55
	135	(195)
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Revenue sharing - Province of Manitoba	(200)	(200)
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Capital asset additions	(40)	(16)
CHANGE IN CASH AND SHORT TERM DEPOSITS	(105)	(411)
CASH AND SHORT TERM DEPOSITS, beginning of year	676	1,087
CASH AND SHORT TERM DEPOSITS, end of year	$ 571	$ 676

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(in thousands)
MARCH 31, 2008

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The role of Civil Legal Services (the "Agency") flows from the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Minister of Justice as the Chief Legal Advisor to government and the guardian of the public interest. Acting pursuant to government policy, the Agency is responsible for providing a full range of high quality legal services, on a cost recovery basis, to its clients, namely the Province of Manitoba, the province's agencies, boards and commissions and some Crown organizations.

Effective April 1, 1995, the Agency was designated as a Special Operating Agency pursuant to The Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority Act, Cap. s185, C.C.S.M. and operates under a charter approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Agency is financed through the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority (SOAFA). The Financing Authority has the mandate to hold and acquire assets required for and resulting from Agency operations. It finances the Agency through repayable loans and working capital advances. The financial framework provides increased management authority which, coupled with more rigorous planning and reporting requirements afforded by Special Operating status, assists the Agency to sustain the provision of high quality legal services to its clients.

A Management Agreement between the Financing Authority and the Minister of Justice assigns responsibility to the Agency to manage and account for the Agency related assets and operations on behalf of the Financing Authority.

The Agency continues to be part of Manitoba Justice under the general direction of the Deputy Minister and Minister.

The Agency remains bound by relevant legislation and regulations. It is also bound by administrative policy except where specific exemptions have been provided for in its charter in order to meet business objectives.

The Agency is economically dependent on the Province of Manitoba because it derives most of its revenue from the Province and all of its financing requirements through the Financing Authority.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Reporting: The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

Capital Assets: Capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Computer Equipment and Software	20% straight line (10% in year of acquisition)
Furniture and Fixtures	20% straight line (10% in year of acquisition)
Leasehold Improvements	20% straight line (10% in year of acquisition)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue recognition

The percentage of completion method of accounting is used, whereby revenue is recognized proportionately with the degree of completion of the legal services provided.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

New Accounting Policies

Effective April 1, 2007 the Agency adopted the following new accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA):

(i) Section 1506, Accounting Changes

Section 1506 requires that voluntary changes in accounting policies are made only if they result in the financial statements providing reliable and more relevant information. Additional disclosure is required when the entity has not yet applied a new primary source of Canadian GAAP that has been issued but is not yet effective, as well as when changes in accounting estimates and errors occur. The adoption of this revised standard had no material impact on the Agency's financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2008.

(ii) Section 1530, Comprehensive Income

Section 1530 requires the presentation of a statement of comprehensive income and provides guidance for the reporting and display of other comprehensive income. Comprehensive income represents the change in equity of an enterprise during a period from transactions and other events arising from non-owner sources including gain and losses arising on translation of self-sustaining foreign operations, gains and losses from changes in fair value available for sale financial assets and changes in fair value of the effective portion of cash flow hedging instruments. The Agency has not recognized any adjustments through other comprehensive income for the year ended March 31, 2008. Because the entity has no items related to other comprehensive income, comprehensive income is equivalent to net income.

(iii) Section 3855, Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement

Section 3855 prescribes the criteria for recognition and presentation of financial instruments on the balance sheet and the measurement of financial instruments according to prescribed classifications. Under this section, financial assets and liabilities are initially recorded at fair value. This section also addresses how financial instruments are measured subsequent to initial recognition and how gains and losses are recognized.

The Agency is required to designate its financial instruments into one of the following five categories: held for trading; available for sale; held to maturity; loans and receivables; and other financial liabilities. All financial instruments classified as held for trading or available for sale are subsequently measured at fair value with any change in fair value recorded in net earnings and other comprehensive income, respectively. All other financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

New Accounting Policies (continued)

The Agency has designated its financial instruments as follows:

Cash and short term deposits are classified as financial assets held for trading and are measured at fair value with gains and losses recognized in net earnings. Due to the relatively short period to maturity of these financial assets, the carrying values approximate their fair values.

Accounts receivable and receivable from Province of Manitoba are classified as loans and receivables. These financial assets are recorded at their amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, revenue sharing - Province of Manitoba payable and vacation payable are classified as other financial liabilities. These financial liabilities are recorded at their amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

The adoption of this revised standard had no material impact on the Agency's financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2008.

Financial Instruments

The Agency's financial instruments consist of cash and short term deposits, accounts receivable, receivable from Province of Manitoba, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, revenue sharing - Province of Manitoba payable and vacation payable.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Agency is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments.

The fair value of cash and short term deposits, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, revenue sharing - Province of Manitoba payable and vacation payable approximates their carrying values due to their short-term maturity.

The fair value of the receivable from Province of Manitoba is not practical to determine due to their underlying terms and conditions.

Future Accounting Policy Changes

The CICA has issued two new standards, CICA 3862: Financial Instruments - Disclosures and CICA 3863: Financial Instruments - Presentation, which enhance the abilities of users of the financial statements to evaluate the significance of financial instruments to an entity, related exposures and the management of these risks.

The CICA has also issued a new standard, CICA 1535: Capital Disclosures, which requires the disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information that enables users of the financial statements to evaluate the entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.

These changes in accounting policies, which will be adopted effective April 1, 2008, will require additional disclosures in the financial statements.

3. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

The Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority has provided the Agency with an authorized line of working capital of $500 of which $nil was used at March 31, 2008.

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MARCH 31, 2008

4. RECEIVABLE FROM PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

The receivable from the Province of Manitoba is for vacation entitlements earned by the employees of the Agency prior to creation of the Special Operating Agency and severance pay benefits prior to April 1, 1998. The balance is comprised of:

	2008	2007
Vacation Entitlements	$ 140	$ 140
Severance Pay Benefits	239	239
	$ 379	$ 379

The timing of the collection of these receivables will vary. The receivable, or portion thereof, will be collected in the event that there is a cash shortfall. However, this is only likely to happen on the dissolution of the Agency.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value 2008	Net Book Value 2007
Computer Equipment and Software	$ 132	$ 102	$ 30	$ 42
Furniture and Fixtures	239	203	36	5
Leasehold Improvements	53	53	-	-
	$ 424	$ 358	$ 66	$ 47

6. SEVERANCE LIABILITY

Effective April 1, 1998, the Agency began recording accumulated severance pay benefits for its employees. The amount of severance pay obligations is based on actuarial calculations. The periodic actuarial valuations of these liabilities may determine that adjustments are needed to the actuarial calculations when actual experience is different from that expected and/or because of changes in actuarial assumptions used. The resulting actuarial gains or losses are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the related employee group.

An actuarial report was completed for the severance pay liability as of March 31, 2005. The report provides a formula to update the liability on an annual basis. The Agency's actuarially determined net liability for accounting purposes as at March 31, 2008 was $583 (2007 - $523). Commencing in the 2006 fiscal year the actuarial loss of $87 is being amortized over the 15 year expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

7. PENSION BENEFITS

Employees of the Agency are eligible for pension benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Superannuation Act (CSSA), administered by the Civil Service Superannuation Board (CSSB). The CSSA established a defined benefit plan to provide benefits to employees of the Manitoba Civil Service and to participating agencies of the Government, including the Agency, through the Civil Service Superannuation Fund.

Effective March 31, 2001, pursuant to an agreement with the Province of Manitoba, the Agency transferred to the Province the pension liability for its employees.

Commencing April 1, 2001, the Agency was required to pay to the Province an amount equal to its employees' current pension contributions. The amount paid for 2008 was $205 (2007 - $205). Under this agreement the Agency has no further pension liability.

8. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Agency has not entered into a lease agreement with the Province of Manitoba for rental facilities at 405 Broadway. Occupancy charges for the year ending March 31, 2009 are estimated to be $233.

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SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC SECTOR COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE
(in thousands)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

Pursuant to the disclosure required by the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act, no remuneration or other benefits were paid to the Advisory Board members. The following employees or officers received compensation of $50 or more.

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	COMPENSATION 2008	2007
I. Allen	Legal Counsel	$ 119	$ 108
E. Andres	Legal Counsel	117	107
J. Barak	Legal Counsel	110	88
A. Berg	Legal Counsel	125	115
T. Bjornson	Legal Counsel	108	95
S. Boyd	Legal Counsel	84	62
T. Brothers	Legal Counsel	104	85
M. Ducharme	Financial Officer	56	55
J. Frederickson	Legal Counsel	113	94
I. Frost	Legal Counsel	116	105
D. Gisser	Legal Counsel	121	110
D. Guenette	Legal Counsel	115	101
G. Hannon	Legal Counsel	127	115
D. Hill	Legal Counsel	-	72
S. Hoeppner	Legal Counsel	-	105
B. Jones	Legal Counsel	104	86
J. Kapac	Legal Counsel	118	105
A. Ladyka	Legal Counsel	99	83
D. Lofendale	Legal Counsel	116	110
W. McFetridge	Legal Counsel	126	115
M. McGunigal	Legal Counsel	86	91
G. Mildren	Legal Counsel	126	112
S. Pierce	Legal Counsel	121	110
K. Ranson	Legal Counsel	-	85
C. Romeo	Senior Legal Officer	126	121
L. Ross	Legal Counsel	109	96
V. Smith	Legal Counsel	84	71
T. Sterling	Legal Counsel	59	-
A. Stevens	Legal Counsel	-	84
M. Stonyk	Legal Counsel	63	52
N. Trenholm	Legal Counsel	121	110
M. Webb	Legal Counsel	121	110
I. Wiebe	Legal Counsel	99	86
R. Winters	Legal Counsel	121	110
K. Wright	Legal Counsel	64	52